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Colorado River Valley Field Office
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Hiking

Deep Creek

Length: Approximately 4 miles and then becomes hard to follow and may require a good map to continue

Elevation: Ranges from 5,900 and up to 10,000 ft in the forest.

Difficulty Level: Requires a good map and navigation Skills may be required

Maps: 1:100,000 topographic: Glenwood Springs
USGS: 1:24,000 quadrangles: Dotsero, Broken Rib Creek

Use: Moderate

Recommended Season: Spring through fall

Highlights:

An unmaintained, unmarked primitive trail follows Deep Creek along the bottom of a 2,500 feet narrow, steep sided, cliff bordered canyon. The trail is defined for the first three miles and then becomes diffused in places due to the narrowing of the canyon. Travel on the creek bed is necessary in a few places approximately three or four miles up the canyon. The scenery contains outstanding and diverse features and wildlife watching, and fishing. This area features fossil bearing limestone formations, dolomite and sandstone cliffs. The canyon is carved deep into the White River Plateau. Vegetation bordering the creek in this diverse riparian area, is dominated by spruce, cottonwood and shrubs. The creek contains rainbow, cut-throat, brown and brook trout. The Deep Creek area is habitat for a variety of wildlife, including: deer, elk, black bear, mountain lion, bob cat, bald eagles and other raptors as well as a variety of small birds and mammals. The area is also a historic habitat for Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep and peregrine falcons.

Type of use:

Recreation in the area consists of hiking along the creek, roadside and walk-in campsites, fishing and hunting. Use is limited to hiking, *motorized and mechanized travel is prohibited*.

Access:

From I-70 take the Dotsero exit. Drive north on the Colorado River Road (Eagle County 301) approximately 2 miles. Turn left and travel west on the Coffee Pot Road and go about 2 miles and look for the trail on the right.

Facilities:

Parking, visitor information, picnicking, toilet, roadside and walk-in camping.

Maintenance:

This is an unmaintained primitive trail on the North side of the creek. This trail requires a creek crossing and there is no bridge available. The first 3+ miles are easier to follow, but if you plan on continuing into the National Forest you will need a good topographic map.